

BY
PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Francis BRIAND et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

LASER/ARC HYBRID WELDING PROCESS
WITH APPROPRIATE GAS MIXTURE



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is cited in the European Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON

By Benoît Castel

Benoît Castel
Attorney for Applicant
Customer No. 000466
Registration No. 35,041
745 South 23rd Street
Arlington, VA 22202
703/521-2297

May 31, 2001